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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am in support of the Microsoft antitrust settlement agreement. The lawsuit has ensued for three years now. Continuing the litigation will only amount to an incredible waste of resources. Settling is in everyone's best interest.

If antitrust laws have been violated, steps should be taken to ensure no further violations occur. The settlement agreement should provide the appropriate safeguards. The agreement provides for the creation of a technical review committee that will monitor Microsoft's business practices. The review committee will also field complaints from parties who believe the settlement agreement is not complied with.

Microsoft has agreed to disclose portions of its code to its competitors. I do not agree that Microsoft should be forced to give away what it has worked hard at developing. However, if Microsoft is agreeable to this concession, I would support that decision in the interest of resolving this case and moving on to other endeavors.

Your efforts toward resolving this lawsuit are appreciated. Thank you for your time in reviewing my thoughts on this matter.

Sincerely,

*Mark Goldstein*  
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